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SUBJECT: EX-FM AVEROFF DENIES DEUTSCHE WELLE REPORT ON CONTACTS
WITH REGIME

REF: ATHENS 1321

1. ALL ATHENS NEWSPAPERS CARRIED MARCH 13 DENIAL BY EX-FM
AVANGELOS AVEROFF-TOSSIZZA OF DEUTSCHE WELLE BROADCAST MARCH
10 THAT HE HAD CONTACTS RECENTLY WITH REGIME MEMBERS AND HAD
DISCUSSED INTERNAL SITUATION. AVEROFF SENT CABLE TO FRG
AMBASSADOR ATHENS, EXCERPTED IN PRESS ACCOUNTS, IN WHICH HE
SAID "I DENY THE RIGHT TO TRANSMIT FALSE NEWS TO THE DEUTSCHE
WELLE STATION AND EVEN TO YOUR GOVERNMENT. EX-FM ADDED THAT HE
REFUSED TO ACCEPT GROUNDLESS AND ONE-SIDED PROPAGANDA
ESPECIALLY ON PART OF ISOLATED COMMENTATORS ABROAD."

2. PRESS ACCOUNTS ALSO REPORTED GOG SPOKESMAN AS SAYING GOG
INDIFFERENT TO DEUTSCHE WELLE BROADCASTS AND AS REGARDS
AVEROFF'S CABLE " THE MATTER IS PURELY PERSONAL CONCERNING MR.
AVEROFF ONLY." ATHENS NEWS IN GRATUITOUS NOTE ADDED THAT IT
WONDERED WHY AVEROFF SENT CABLE TO FRG AMBASSADOR SINCE FRG HAS
NO JURISDICTION WHATEVER OVER DEUTSCHE WELLE WHICH IS INDEPENDENT.

3. COMMENT: AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED EARLIER (ATHENS 1236)

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DEUTSCHE WELLE HAS CONTINUED TO COVER GREEK INTERNAL POLITICAL

DEVELOPMENTS AND RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES ON ITS DAILY GREEK
PROGRAM ALTHOUGH IN LESS STRIDENT FASHION SINCE GOG PERIODIC
JAMMING AND BRIEF ARREST OF DEUTSCHE WELLE CORRESPONDENT. AVEROFF
PRESUMABLY ANNOYED AT LEAK OF HIS PROPOSAL BUT GIVEN EFFICIENCY
OF ATHENS GRAPEVINE CIRCUIT ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES HERE AND
EXTENT OF HIS OWN CONTACTS LOCALLY HE CANNOT BE ENTIRELY
SURPRISED.
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